

**MELBOURNE'S ACADEMIC WORLD CELEBRATE
HELLENIC ANTIQUITIES**

On Wednesday, 19 November, 2008 the Trendall Centre held a cocktail event at the Hellenic Museum to celebrate, explore and discuss the exhibition that is currently on loan to the Museum.

Over 100 people attended the event and were pleasantly surprised to find that the Hellenic Museum existed in the majestic building of the former Royal Mint.

Dr. McPhee, director of the Trendall Centre based at La Trobe University encouraged people to enjoy the exhibition, "if you examine these vases carefully, you will find that they will reveal a great deal about Greek myth, about the daily life and beliefs of the ancient Greeks, and something also about the importance of Greek art".

The collection of Greek vases and fragments that are on loan to the Hellenic Museum come from the private collection of A.D. Trendall. Dale Trendall was one of the finest historians of Greek art of the last century and the world authority on the figured vases produced in the Greek colonies of South Italy and Sicily during the Classical period, the 5th and 4th centuries B.C. The primary reason for the event was to launch a campaign which will enable the renewal of teaching Greek Art at La Trobe University.

"The collaboration between the Hellenic Museum and the Trendall Centre has been nothing short of sensational", says CEO, Ms Vicki Yianoulatos "To have an Australian owned collection of Greek antiquities housed in the Hellenic Museum in Melbourne seems to bring many fragments of our multicultural society together".



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